

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

February 2010

Next Club Meeting

February 23rd
Palmyra Medical
Center
Training Room
7:00PM

W4MM Repeaters

146.700
146.730
146.820 t110.9
147.360 t173.8
444.500

W4MM-15 DigiPETER

144.390 MHz
QTH of WB4TFW
The coordinates are:
31°34.057' N Lat
84°05.077' W Long

W4MM-12 DigiPETER

144.390 MHz
Emergency Comm
Trailer

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MONDAY NIGHT NET

Every Monday at 9:00PM Local Time on the 146.820 Repeater

GA ARES HF NET

Every Sunday at 6:00PM Summer, 5:00PM Winter on 3.975 MHz

SW GA ARES VHF NET

Every Sunday at 4:00PM on the 146.820 Repeater

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

WG4TIM	Tim	3rd	KG4NPC	Sherry	15th
K4KZP	Joyce	5th	K4ZMT	Steve	16th
WB4PNB	Neal	5th	K4KZO	Roy	17th
KE4EGE	Don	7th	KI4ZOI	Chris	20th
KI4JFR	Tim	8th	KC4DYU	Bill	25th
KG4CCM	Jim	11th			

Albany Marathon



The fourth Albany Marathon & Half Marathon will be on **Saturday March 6, 2010**. The Albany Club has again been asked to provide communications for this event. Mark your calendar as we will need all the volunteers we can get to support this event. This is always good opportunity to spotlight our club.

If you want to see more information on this event, go to:

www.snickersmarathonenergybarmarathon.com/

If are planning to help please let me know (**Bob K4PHE** k4phe@bellsouth.net). If you volunteered last year you will be placed at the same location. We have 14 Water Stations that need communicators so if you have not volunteered before we can certainly use your help. More information and maps will available later.

Upcoming Events for 2010

Feb. 12-14 Orlando HamCation
Feb. 27 Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA
Mar. 6 Albany Marathon
Mar. 6-7 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)
Mar. 20 Kennehooshee Hamfest, Marietta, GA
Apr. 24 Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
June 5 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA
June 26 Field Day
Sept. 25 Paulding ARC Hamfest, Dallas, GA
Oct. 9 Lagrange ARC Hamfest



New ARRL Web Site Coming Soon!

It's almost here! After more than two years of planning, designing and writing, the ARRL is anxiously awaiting the launch of the new ARRL Web site. We've been able to make the online experience easier for our members -- from the online store, to registering for a class, to finding a club -- plus we've created a new, enhanced member profile with many more options available. We've made improvements with you in mind, making sure that we've created the easiest, most enjoyable online experience possible. The new Web site will be available the first week of February.

TOSRV South Resurrected



Capital City Cyclists

April 17 and 18, 2010

We will be supporting TOSRV again this year. The route will be start in Havana, Florida go to Cairo, Sale City and Albany on the first day. The second day will take us from Albany on to Camilla, Whigham and then back to Havana. The route into Albany will take us west under Albany on Highway 234 and then north on Westover up to the northwest part of Albany. The end point in Albany will be Darton.

Federal Grant Money to Help Build D-STAR Network in Georgia

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency has landed a \$165,000 federal grant to fund the construction of a statewide amateur D-STAR network. "Newsline" reports that the system will use repeaters set up at nine public-television transmitter sites around the state, providing coverage across Georgia. The state's Amateur Radio Emergency Service organization will coordinate construction and use of the network, which will be available for everyday amateur use except during emergencies. According to "Newsline," this is the second-largest government grant ever secured for building an amateur radio emergency network.

New Tech Questions to be Released This Month

A new set of exam questions for the Technician Class license will be used starting this coming July, and the new question pool is being released to the public this month. The questions were first released to the nation's 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) in December. According to the Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of VECs, which develops the questions, the new Technician pool will consist of approximately 400 questions, from which 35 will be selected for each license exam. For the first time since the NVEC took over test question preparation, the new Technician exam will include graphics and diagrams. The new pool will be used for four years, from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014.

A Sounds Of Space Website

Turning to ham radio space related news, word that DD1US now has an extensive collection of sounds from manned and unmanned space exploration including amateur radio operations on his website. This includes historic recordings like Sputnik 1 and Apollo 11. There is even a page devoted to clips of Amateur Radio satellites from Oscar 1 to Oscar 68. Its all on-line at www.dd1us.de. (Southgate)

Orlando Hamcation

Amateur Radio goes on the Digital Road is the theme of the 2010 Orlando Hamcation slated for **February 12th to the 14th** at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Highlights include over 150 commercial vendors, 400 swap table vendors and participants also the largest Tailgate Area in the southeast United States. For more information on this years Orlando Hamcation please visit www.hamcation.com on the World Wide Web.